

# SPECIALIZED CHILD ABUSE TRAINING

## **FORENSIC INTERVIEWING OF CHILDREN**

### **An Introduction to the Forensic Interviewing Protocol**

**December 3-4, 2008**

**Napoleon Township Hall**

**6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261**

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services, in cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council, Department of Human Services (DHS), and Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice (GTF), is pleased to present a regional cross-professional Specialized Child Abuse Training seminar on the topic of Forensic Interviewing of Children. This training will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 and conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008.

This seminar is designed for prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, DHS workers, victim's advocates and police officers who are involved with child abuse investigations or prosecution. The training is designed to increase your understanding of the primary features of forensic interviewing and provide information to enhance your interviewing skills.

Michigan's Forensic Interviewing Protocol was developed in conjunction with the DHS and the GTF. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally sensitive, unbiased, and truth-seeking manner that will support accurate and fair decision-making in the criminal justice and child welfare systems. Topics to be covered include:

- Preinterview preparation.
- Interviewer guidelines.
- Conducting a phased interview.
- Special topics/children with special needs.
- Guidelines for questioning children.

Please find enclosed a copy of the registration form for the seminar. There is no charge for tuition or materials for this seminar. Attendees are responsible for overnight accommodations, transportation, meals, and other incidental costs. If there are specific questions you would like to have addressed at the seminar, please list them on the registration form, and the questions will be provided to the speakers in advance.

Please register early since registration is limited to the first 35 people. When space at seminars is available, we welcome participation from professionals in addition to DHS workers, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

The seminar will be held at the **Napoleon Township Hall**, located at 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261. Please contact Jennifer Doerr for a list of hotels if you need overnight accommodations.

Please contact Jennifer Doerr at [doerrj@michigan.gov](mailto:doerrj@michigan.gov) if you have any questions.

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(One form per person. Duplicate if necessary. **Please type or print clearly.**)

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Email Address: (for seminar confirmation)

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Signature

**Your signature is your guarantee that you will attend both days of training**

Do you have any specific questions/issues you would like addressed at the seminar?

**Fax this form to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services office at (517) 334-6787 by November 20, 2008.**

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